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Students View Russians Through Red-Rimmed Eyes

Enthusiasm is the spirit of Shaker's top history students toward Martin Meshenberg's Russian history class at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Library Conference Room.

The non-credit course covers Russian history from the Revolution to the present with some reference to nineteenth century conditions. Interspersed with class work will be a lecture by a former Shaker student who has visited Russia and a trip to the Russian Orthodox Church at 116th Street and Union Avenue.

Grade Requirements

Eligibility for the class re-

quires an A in a social studies course in the first semester and a recommendation from the teacher of that course. The class is limited to twenty, seniors receiving priority for acceptance. Each student must maintain an A in his social studies course to remain in the class.

Mr. Meshenberg expressed the purpose of the course: "to fulfill the demand of many an individual here — to feel that he is learning something without grubbing for a grade." The seminar provides a challenge for gifted students, instructing them in leading discussions on a scholarly basis, hopefully in their own classes.

College Level

Participation in the course figures in college entrance, especially as the study is on an advanced college level and conducted like a college seminar. Students sit around a table, there is no hand raising, and learning is achieved largely through informal discussion.

Mr. Meshenberg first presented the course in 1959, and each summer a reunion is held of former participants. Mr. Meshenberg expressed special thanks to the social studies department for their aid and co-operation.



"And remember, *boitchek*, if you misspell my name just once," threatens Mr. Meshenberg. Shaker's lovable waltzing bear is now conducting an early morning seminar on Russian history.

Semanteme Seeks Fabulous Fables, Foreign Phrases

The *Semanteme* staff is introducing two new features for its spring publication. There will be a section for essays, short stories, and poems in French, Latin, German, and Spanish, and a short story contest in English.

The foreign language section was introduced as a stimulus and a challenge for students to express themselves in other than their mother tongue. Correct grammar as well as a good choice of vocabulary is important. For the benefit of the *Semanteme* staff, a translation should accompany each entry.

The short story contest will be judged by a panel of English teachers composed of George Starr, head of the English department, Mrs. Francine Kroner, and Mrs. Dorothy Ferster.

They will choose one story as the best, and it will be placed in the *Semanteme*, along with a biographical sketch of the author. Each year the winning author's name will be engraved on a plaque.

Deadline for all submissions to the *Semanteme* is March 26.

Singers Invade Brush En Masse

All the L.E.L. choirs will perform singly and en masse at the L.E.L. Choir Festival, which will be held at Brush High School tonight, February 28.

A Cappella Choir members will be excused from classes at one o'clock to attend a practice in the afternoon to prepare for the program at 8:30 in the evening. From 4:00 until 8:00, all the choir members will be able to relax by swimming or dancing and to eat dinner.

Program Notes

The evening's program will include separate performances by the choir from each school and six choral numbers performed by the combined groups. Shaker's numbers will include "Laudamus Te" and "The Aged." The six mass choral numbers will include "Glorify the Lord," "O Be Joyful," "My Lord, What a Morning," and "Emite Spiritum Tuum."

Artists Have Midas Touch; Change Art Skills to Gold

Five aspiring young artists in Shaker received gold achievement keys in the 1964 Regional Scholastic Art Exhibition at the Halle Bros. Co. Ten other Shaker students placed in the contest.

Roberta Diefenthaler, Sunny Kochman, Cheri LaGrange, Elayne Senger, and Jane Tuckerman were announced the key winners and all but Cheri, who has moved out of Shaker, were on hand Monday evening, February 17, to receive their awards.

The entries of Sunny, Cheri and Elayne, all under the classification of "crafts," were sent to

New York City with 125 others to compete in the National Exhibition for scholarships, cash and purchase awards.

37th Year

The Regional Art Exhibition, sponsored by Scholastic Magazines, is now in its 37th year of operation, encouraging junior and senior high school students to strive for creative achievement in all branches of art and photography.

A local jury, consisting of qualified art educators and artists, select about 1,000 pieces submitted under any one of twenty classifications. This year there were 5,000 entries from public, private, and parochial schools within Cleveland.

The Regional Exhibit will be open to the public from Tuesday, February 18, through Saturday, March 21, at the Halle Bros seventh-floor lounge.

The competition has given students a chance to compare their work with the work of many of their peers throughout the state and country.

Clubs Seek Tower of Babel; Publish With Double Tongue

Avez-vous lu *Le Journal*? Legistisne *Societatis Latinae Nuntius*? Shaker's own French and Latin students participating in the language clubs publish these newspapers.

Begun this year, both these newspapers are designed to stimulate students to write in their foreign languages. By reading these publications and working the word puzzles, students improve their ability to think in a foreign tongue.

Features of both the French and Latin papers include crossword puzzles and jokes. The French Club *Journal* also contains additional information of meetings, portraits of people connected with the French language, various news articles and a serial about an American visiting France.

The *Latin Club Reporter* (the translation of its official name)

March Brings In Spring Elections

E Day is approaching. Yes, the election dates of the 1964-65 student council officers—president, vice-president, and secretary—have been set for March 18 and 19.

Hopeful office-seekers who met the February 17 deadline for filing applications are as follows.

Candidates for president are Mel Dunn, Donald Loveman, David Stein, and Mark Webber. Candidates for vice-president are Fred Berger, Joan Borod, Bruce Elfvin, Sally Kulber, Allen Mintzer, Thomas Marshall, Stefan Ostrach, and James Wolfson. Candidates for secretary are Marilyn Fargo, Roger Ferreri, Linda Kane, and Dede Ordin.

After submitting scholastic record sheets, the candidates, accompanied by their managers, met with Bob Williams, chairman of the Civics Committee, to receive general information about the campaign and campaign rules.

Here are events on the campaign calendar coming up in the near future: the Civics Committee will allot location of posters and order of speeches during the first week of March.

One week later the candidates and their managers will submit copies of their speeches to the Civics Committee and Mr. Meshenberg for approval; on March 18 the campaign assembly will be held, and on the following day the final vote will take place in the homerooms.

Scholars Merit News

Each of Shaker's 31 National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists has now officially become a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. This means that they are now being considered for scholarship grants. None of Shaker's Semi-Finalists has failed to become a Finalist since the program was started here in 1957. The Finalists will be notified of scholarship decisions in April and May.

Battery of College Exams Electrifies Testy Juniors

Shaker's juniors are preparing to open a perplexing can of alphabet soup containing ITED, CEEB, and NMSQT. In reality these ingredients are abbreviations for the numerous examinations that juniors must take to meet college entrance requirements.

February 29 will start the juniors' "meal" with the Iowa Test of Educational Development (ITED). These tests on English, mathematics, natural science, social studies, and vocabulary are recommended for guidance purposes.

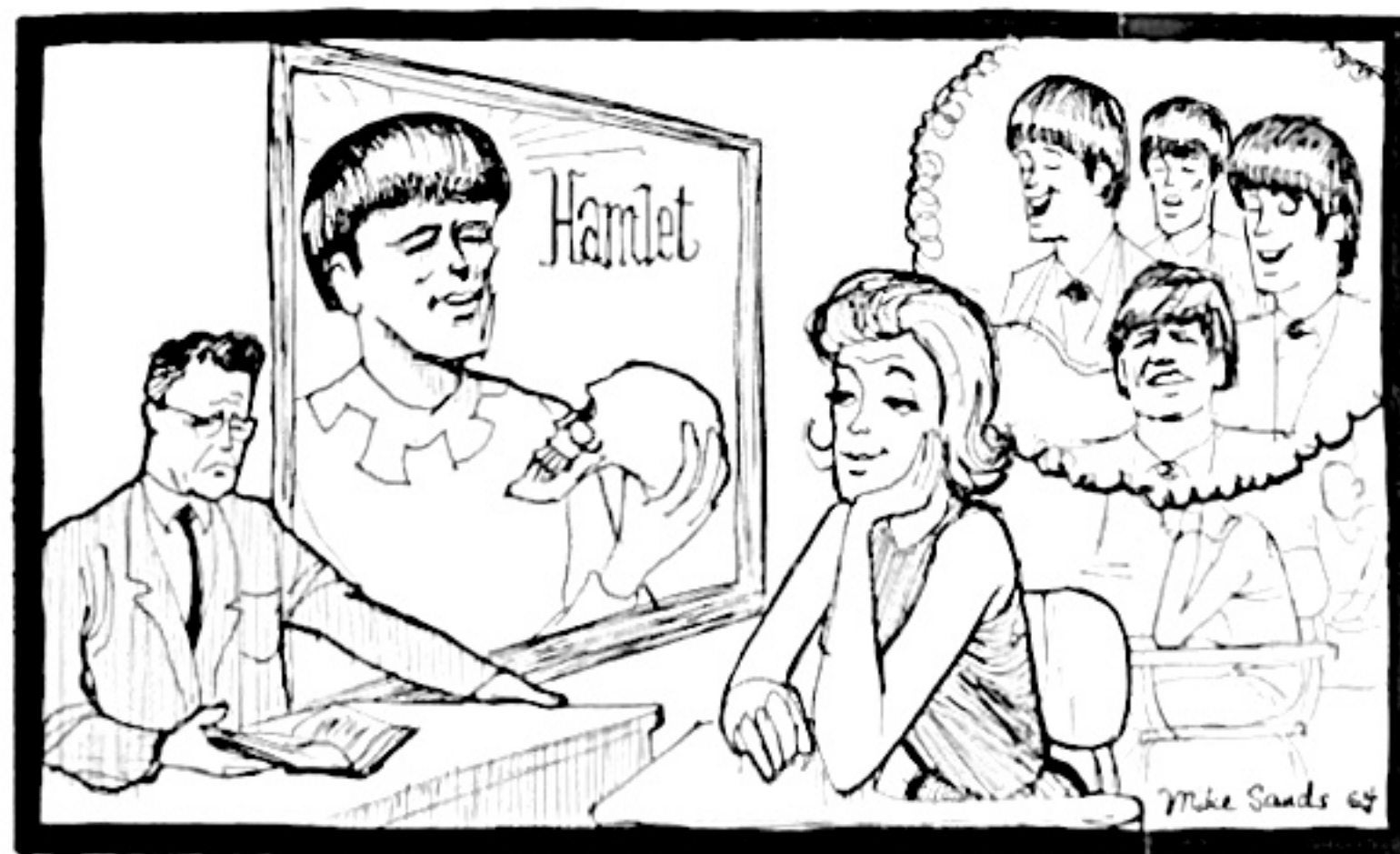
Shaker Advanced Placement Mathematics students are invited to exercise their wits on March 5 by taking the annual high school contest of the Mathematical Association of America. In the past Shaker's scores have received significant ratings in Ohio.

The vegetable soup becomes

more complex for Shaker students on March 7 when the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) will be administered. Juniors are scheduled only for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) portion of this exam. The results will be used for guidance and for college admission.

The junior alphabet will become more complete on March 14 as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) will be given. This test is recommended for guidance.

May 2 is the date for juniors to take Achievement Tests.



Grapplers Grasp No. 2 Slot; Eradicate Euclid's Formula

"The best team in ten years," Coach Ed Zednik called his varsity grapplers after they had edged the Euclid Panthers, 18-17, on Friday, February 7, before a near capacity crowd in Shaker's boys' gym. With this victory, the Raiders clinched second place in the L.E.L. and closed their league and overall records at 6-1 and 9-3.

Shaker took an early lead in the meet and soon had piled up 18 points on wins by Phil and Bob Wolkin, Jerry Peterson, Don Loveman, Burt Weiss, and Shelly Pollock, who outlasted his previously unbeaten opponent.

Euclid, scoring 14 points on three decisions and a pin, trailed by only four points going into the final match. Stu Sulzer, Shaker's heavyweight, entered his contest aware that if pinned, Euclid would be victorious.

Sulzer successfully fought off his opponent and was mobbed by jubilant teammates at the match's end.

In the forthcoming Sectional Tournament at Mayfield, tonight and tomorrow, Zip's wrestlers will each vie for one of the four slots in each of the eleven weight classes in order to advance to the District Meet. Winners in this elimination will travel to the State Meet in mid-March.

Bright Hopes

Coach Zednik reports that he has been very gratified with his team's efforts this season and is looking forward to next November, when all but four of his varsity grapplers will be returning.

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High Heights Drop Mermen To Third Place

Shaker's swimmers concluded their Lake Erie League schedule with a loss to rival Cleveland Heights on February 18, at Shaker, and a total of six medals in the league championship meet at Shaw on February 15. The Junior Varsity concluded a successful season, capturing the Jay Vee championship.

The varsity mermen dropped to third place in the final Lake Erie League standings as Heights defeated our tankers, 55-40.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Bob Power, Rennie Crane, Ken LaVetter, and Webb Young took seven points for the Raiders, and Bob Haas was Shaker's only other victor as he captured the 200-yard freestyle.

On February 15, the LEL championships rounded out the 1964 league schedule. Rennie Crane won two events: the 100-yard breaststroke and 50-yard freestyle.

His freestyle time of 23.1 seconds tied the Shaw pool record (his own), and was also a new meet record. Bob Haas took two seconds, in the 200 and 400-yard freestyle events. Tom Marshall and Fred Arsham also took medals for Shaker.

The Junior Varsity Mermen kept at least one team championship at Shaker. The Jay Vees, coached by Tom Goble, won their league title with an 8-2 LEL record, dropping dual meets only to Lakewood and Shaw.

In the final week of dual-meet competition, the Red Raiders won stunning victories over Canton McKinley and Warren Harding.

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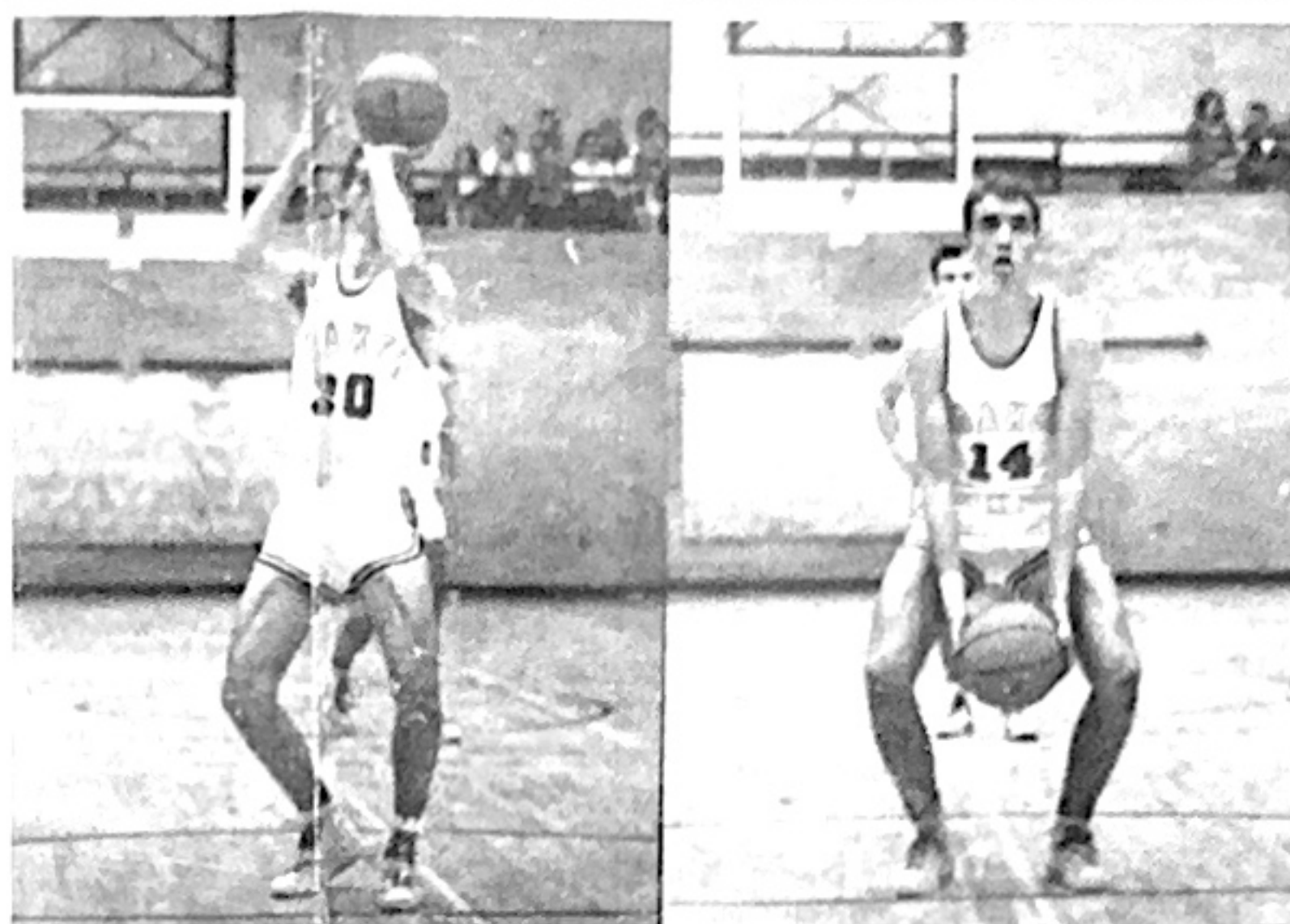
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All-LEL Jerry Goetz shows his skill at the foul line. Teammate Andy Inglis agrees that it is a "foul" line, and awaits his next opportunity to pass the ball to Shaker's sharp-shooting Goetz.

Letter to the Editors

Dear Sir:

A new product on the American market has come to my attention. At drug store counters, there will be found John F. Kennedy bubble gum cards, John F. Kennedy rings, and many other "novelties" based on our late president.

Certain national novelty and candy companies have taken the death of a man loved by hundreds of millions of people around the world and have commercialized it and capitalized on it solely for their own financial intentions with no thought or consideration given to all the people who respect the sanctity of this tragic event.

Should the sale of such items be allowed? The answer is NO! Small children, who have no idea of the sensitiveness of the people of the country concerning the assassination, are giving these companies profits for insulting the pride, integrity, intelligence, and feelings of the American people. Our nation is being hurt by the infidelity of these companies. They should not be allowed to continue with these sales.

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Goetz-Nets Set Career High

Going into the final weekend of action, Shaker's eagers were in fifth place in the L.E.L., but they netted a tie for third by defeating Valley Forge, 74-63, and Brush, 71-62.

The Raiders beat Valley Forge with a well-disciplined attack based on the scoring of Jerry Goetz and Allan Ippolito, who together accounted for 50 points, the passing of Andy Inglis, and the rebounding of John Collier.

Using a similar attack against Brush, Shaker built up a 15-point lead, so Goetz was taken out in the third quarter. Brush then rallied and narrowed the margin to three points. Goetz came back into the game, went on a scoring spree, and assured the Shaker victory. In their final regular season game, two seniors reached their career high-point totals, Goetz tallying 39 and John Robson scoring 18.

With the regular season over, the Raiders held a 9-9 mark. They had the opportunity in the Bedford Sectional Tournament to finish with a winning season record if they had won two games before bowing out. The presence of East Tech, ranked fourth in the state, gave them little chance of escaping unscathed.

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